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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 13, 2003,

Applicants hereby elect the Group I claims (claims 1-10) with traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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